

AL-Vi-E-221  
Twenty-First Lane Schoolhouse  
Twenty-First Lane, McCoole  
Mid 1870's

The public school system of Allegany County was organized in 1865, but it was not until the 1870's that adequate schoolhouses were built. The Twenty-First Schoolhouse also known as the Dayton Schoolhouse, was built in the mid 1870's on the lane leading to the twenty-first bridge on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. The tall one story frame building with gable roof has a simple utilitarian design. The windows are tall and large, providing ample light to the classroom.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Twenty-First Lane Schoolhouse

AND/OR COMMON

Dayton Schoolhouse

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Twenty-First Lane

Sixth

CITY, TOWN

McCooLe

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

☒ DISTRICT  
☐ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

☒ PUBLIC  
☐ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☐ OCCUPIED  
☒ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

**PRESENT USE**

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☒ OTHER: **Unknown**

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Bernard A. Palmer

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route 3 Box 10A

CITY, TOWN

Rawlings

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21557

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland 21502

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

### CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT

☐ GOOD

☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED

☐ RUINS

☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED

☒ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE

☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Twenty-first Lane Schoolhouse is located on the southwestern side of the Twenty-first Lane near McCoolle.

The building consists of a tall one story, two bays wide rectangular frame structure with clapboard siding. It rests on a high stone foundation of random rubble with some random ashlar stone on the northeast. The gable front roof is covered with tar paper. Eaves consist of a cornice, frieze, and bedmould. One bracket is located in the peak of the northeastern gable end. One corbeled brick chimney located in the center of the building is original.

A gabled vestibule, offset on the northeast, has been removed. An interior door, the main entrance, has original hardware, one light, and three panels. Windows are tall, pegged two over two lights with wooden lugsills.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

AL-VI-E-221

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The public school system of Allegany County was established in 1865, but it was not until the 1870's that adequate schoolhouses were erected. (1) " In comparison with other sections of the state, Allegany County was generous in its public support of education." (2) Concerned private citizens also provided support with contributions and fund raising activities that made more comfortable schoolhouses possible. (3) "By 1881, every community had at least one public school." (4)

The Twenty-first Lane Schoolhouse, also known as the Dayton Schoolhouse, was built in the mid 1870's after the property was purchased in 1874. (5) The tall one story frame building with a gabled roof has a simple utilitarian design. The windows are tall and large, providing ample light to the classroom. Although a gabled vestibule has been removed the schoolhouse remains a reminder of the progress of education in Allegany County.

- (1) Katherine A. Harvey, Best Dressed Miners: Life and Labor in the Maryland Coal Region 1835-1910 (Ithaca: Cornell University Press) p. 109-110
- (2) Harry I. Stegmaier, Jr. et al., Allegany County-A History (Parsons W Va.: McClain Printing Co. ) p. 263
- (3) Ibid
- (4) Ibid
- (5) Unpublished document "School Properties" Allegany County Board of Education, Cumberland, Md. p. 33

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .73 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites

DATE

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STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland 21502

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
 (301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: AL-VI-E-221REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor 193 11/8NAME OF PROPERTY: 21st LAWE Schoolhouse ~~pre-1880~~LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 21st Bridge Rd.DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: 90° NE V I F 11/8 88682

NAME OF OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: MAP 80 p 123 Bernard A. Palmer 2211Rt 3 Box 10A Rawlings 509/392 TBA ED 31  
21557

STORIES: 1(✓) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2(✓) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) 7( ) ( )

WINGS, ADDITIONS: vestibule removedDWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- (✓) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)  
( ) BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.  
( ) STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated  
( ) LOG  
( ) OTHER: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, OthersFOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone rubble - large stone uncoursed ashlar on NEWATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded BrickWINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1( ) 2/2(✓) 6/6( ) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( ) logs  
pegged(✓) nailed( ) wide(✓) narrow( ) mitred( ) pediment( )ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: offset 3 panel TALLHARDWARE: original(✓) replaced( ) light

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

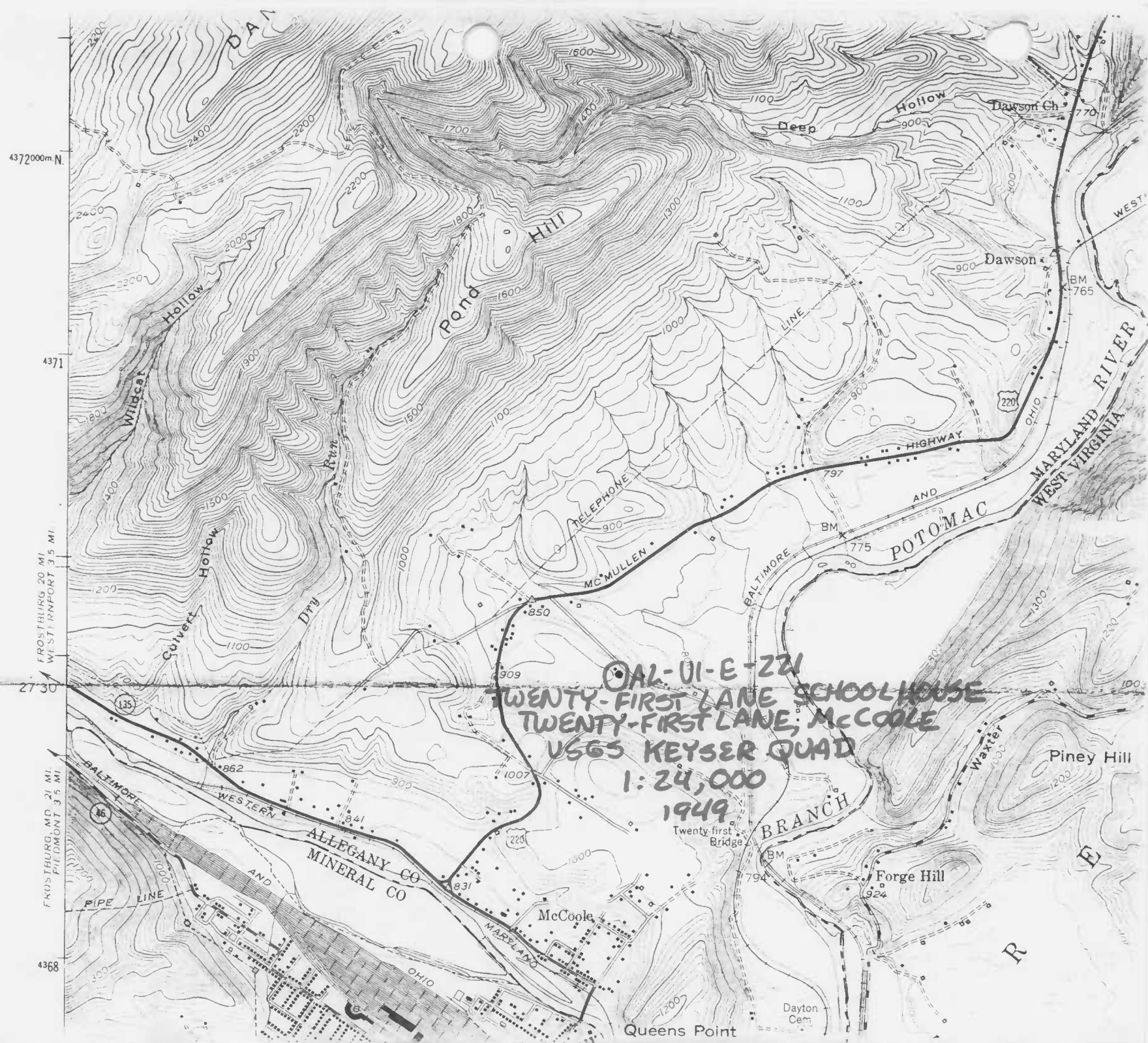
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards one bracket in gable  
on NE facade peakCORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, ~~fascia~~, soffit, bed)  
original( ) replaced( ) rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architraveROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers # \_\_\_\_\_MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; TAR PAPER original( ) replaced( )

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed( ) hip( ) gable( )

CHIMNEYS: Number: 1 Brick(✓) Stone( ) Corbeled(✓) original(✓) replaced( )  
Location: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end( ) Central(✓) Interior( )ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

USE: \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNIFICANCE: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE CONSTRUCTED: \_\_\_\_\_  
CONDITION: \_\_\_\_\_







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TWENTY-FIRST LANE  
SCHOOLHOUSE

TWENTY-FIRST LANE  
MCCOOLE

David A. Dorsey  
11/8/78

South